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USE OF CHLORAMINES AS A DISINFECTANT BY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS

Recent reports and legal actions against water districts raise questions about the use of chloramines as a disinfectant in public water supplies. While chloramines appear to have less adverse health impacts than chlorine, there is evidence that chloramine is corrosive to copper pipes and cause pin hole leaks.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Departments of Public Works and Public Health to provide a joint report back in 30 days. This report should include:

1. Water systems currently serving Los Angeles County residents that use chloramines as a disinfectant;
2. An assessment of its effect on water pipes as a corrosive agent;
3. Any legal actions taken or pending against water suppliers providing water to Los Angeles County residents; and
4. Health issues and benefits associated with the use of chloramines.

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